4:Grajdansev--35 S-4 (no date) 1942 Formosan Aborigines
116, 174, 181, 602

"The aborigines formerly occupied the whole island, but in more than three hundred years of ceaseless war they were driven from the best lands. It is no wonder that they began to look on newcomers with suspicion and even hatred. But all who have had closer contact with them emphasize their good nature, open-heartedness, and other qualities which do not warrant the treatment they received first from the Chinese and later, from the Japanese."

6: Kirchhoff--31 [4] U-4 (no date) 1895 Formosan Aborigines
116, 609, 721, 177.72 China
636.72

At times the Chinese do not fear, even today, to use open force, if it is a matter of forcing the Pepo-huan off better soil. This was done with the natives inhabiting the north of the island, who are called Kabaran. They finally withdrew to the other side of the mountains, to the fruitful plain of Komalan (more popularly, Kapsulan), which stretches out on the eastern coast of North Formosa as far as Su-aô; there 4,000 of them are said to live in flourishing settlements and to extend even farther south along the coast as far as Hua-lien. Unfortunately they are constantly at odds with each other, so that there can be no question of a united opposition against the Chinese. Nor can they take flight into the neighboring mountains on the west; for there they would be met by the free Tsche-huan, who hate them as renegades.

7: Joest--55 [5] E-5 (no date) 1882 Formosan Aborigines
116, 314, 609

Camphor trees predominate in the forests on Formosa. The aborigines allow the Chinese, for a small payment, to come into their territory and fell camphor trees; often they also demand hostages.

7: Joest--57 [7] E-5 (no date) 1882 Formosan Aborigines
116, 142, 609 Chin-hoan

They have straight hair, never frizzly or wavy, and apparently not so stiff as that of the Malayans. By a fortunate accident I was able to obtain two specimens of their hair. In Tokohan, a village not far from the border there were three natives who were awaiting execution for killing several Chinese. I offered them presents first, but without success. It took three Chinese to hold two of the prisoners who, in spite of their chains, resisted with the utmost force until I had cut off some of their hair.

7: Joest--59 [3] E-5 (no date) 1882 Formosan Aborigines
116, 609, 834 Chin-hoan

Those Chinwans who wear more than the scant minimum are not motivated by modesty. On the contrary, the women and girls do not show a trace of modesty, especially when they squat down. They are not ashamed to show their genitals and many of them asked me to let them see or touch mine; this was done from sheer curiosity.

7: Joest--61 [3] E-5 (no date) 1882 Formosan Aborigines
116, 123, 273, 572, 609 Chin-hoan

I gained the confidence and friendship of the Chinwans through this brandy [MC: Chinese samshu] which they consumed in pailfulls until men, women, and children were lying unconscious on the ground; it was, however, considerably diluted. The Chinwan natives also have the custom of establishing the bond of friendship by drinking. They squat on the ground in the usual manner and put their arms around each other's shoulders; they make a short speech, vowing eternal friendship, and then drink together from the pumpkin shell which holds the brandy until it is empty. I drank in this way with both men and women.

7: Joest--63 E-5 (no date) 1882 Formosan Aborigines
116, 171, 181, 609, 857 Chin-hoan

The character of the Chinwans has been described by all who have come into contact with them as good-natured and unassuming; they have never killed a white man who has approached them in good faith. Although my appearance aroused great curiosity, I was never annoyed by the natives here as I had been among the Hakkas or the Chinese. While the children of the latter always ran away from me and cried, the children of the Chinwans were easily persuaded to make friends with me.

They did, it is true, touch me or pull my beard. One of the natives thought that the fork I had brought with me was a comb and used it to scratch the lice from his body, and sometimes the natives rubbed my body with a wet finger to make sure that this was my natural color, but there was always one among them who had known me longer and told the rest to desist, lecturing them about me...

10: Schumacher--226 [5] T-1 (ca. 1896) 1898 Formosan Aborigines
116, 266, 582, 609, 721 Chin-hoan

The Chinese who thus penetrated into the mountain regions [MC: in search of camphor] may have met the earlier inhabitants of these areas as enemies, and from the initial disputes, all kinds of other difficulties could develop. It is reported, for instance, that the inhabitants of the mountains, who are naturally shy, obtain courage by catching Chinese persons and eating their livers raw. Furthermore, it is said that under penalty of death, the aborigines are forbidden to marry before they have killed seven Chinese and have proof of their deaths.

11: Haguenauer--42 T-3 (no date) 1929 Formosan Aborigines
116, 602, 609, 721, 775 Atayal

The victim of a head hunt was always a stranger, and they cut off his head to liberate his soul. By apologizing to it and offering it wine and millet, the soul was enslaved so that it would serve the clan. And this conquered soul added one more unit to the community, which now had an additional voice in the kingdom of the spirits. This reasoning is also applied to animals. The savage collects the skulls of the beasts which he has slain; by doing this he believes that he increases his power over them, and that he ensures good hunting for the future.

11: Haguenauer--42 [2] T-3 (no date) 1929 Formosan Aborigines
116, 181, 186, 577, 609 Atayal

The Tayal race is a very proud one, much more so than you would suspect. It is industrious, but only in so far as the task concerns the whole community. The men are calm, but if they get angry nothing can stop them. An unbounded curiosity and feeling of suspicion with regard to all strangers are two more traits of the Tayal mentality. He has full confidence in his comrades, but as soon as he is with people of another tribe, he becomes suspicious and reserved. The Tayal have some fine virtues too; they have a highly developed sense of honor, are not greedy, do not steal and rarely tell lies.

14: Tamai--94 J-2 (1896) 1896 Formosan Aborigines
576, 609, 648 Chin-hoan

On the other side of the river 13 chieftains from the Mareisha villages came forward; the Chinese trader came over to them and asked them to cross the river and meet the Japanese. [MC: members of a reconnaissance expedition] They refused at first, saying "We do not know the Japanese and do not know whether they are traitors like the Chinese or honest men. But so that they may not attack us unawares we have brought along a hundred armed men who are lying in ambush. If the Japanese agree to come to us unarmed we shall be glad to negotiate with them, for we have a favor to ask of them." The Japanese agreed to this and as they came across the river they were greeted in the way that is customary on this island, by the "swinging of the swords": the chief went around with his sword drawn and cut off the points of the blades of grass.

14: Tamai--95 J-2 (1896) 1896 Formosan Aborigines
224, 609 Chin-hoan

... The men again crossed a steep mountain and arrived in Tanku, where the Tschinwans had several hunting lodges. 16 Tschinwans, both men and women, were staying there. At the beginning the women seemed to be somewhat afraid of the Japanese.

14: Tamai--95 [6] J-2 (1896) 1896 Formosan Aborigines
116, 175, 609, 721 Chin-hoan

Between 1886 and 1889 when Rinchoko [MC: son of Chinese Governor General of Formosa] was in Maraisha, the Tschinwans, the Formosans and the Chinese, were in constant contact with each other, but since 1890 their friendly relations have ceased. In 1893 all the guard houses built by Rinchoko in Maraisha were burned down. During the night of May 20, 1895, about 150 Tshinwans made a sudden attack on the Formosans in Kushaku; 17 Formosans and 5 Tschinwans were killed. Four days later the Tschinwans renewed their attack and burned 37 houses. From that time on communication between the two groups ceased altogether and was not renewed until the arrival of the Japanese.

14: Tamai--96-97 J-2 (1896) 1896 Formosan Aborigines
116, 585, 609, 602 Chin-hoan

According to the last reports from Formosa (dated March 15th, 1896), a former member of the Japanese Diet, Tetsusáburo Hiyama from Tokyo, married the second daughter of the chieftain Shiro. Before his marriage, Mr. Hiyama sent two oxen and [97] a barrel of salt to the parents of his future bride. The parents are very pleased about their daughter's marriage to a Japanese. While other Japanese do not dare visit the villages of the Tschinwans, Mr. Hiyama may now visit any Tschinwan village with his wife and is received hospitably everywhere. This marriage seems to have been a clever move on Mr. Hiyama's part, since it gives him an opportunity to learn to know these people better.

14: Tamai-- 97[6] J-2 (1896) 1896 Formosan Aborigines
116, 609, 721 Chin-hoan

In former times the Tschinwans were the only inhabitants of Taiwan (Formosa), but later they were pushed back by the Chinese and their territory was limited. For that reason the Tschinwans hate the Chinese and it became the duty of their men to cut off as many heads of the Chinese as possible.

14: Tamai--97 [10] J-2 (1896) 1896 Formosan Aborigines
116, 609, 562, 533 Chin-hoan

[MC: Mr. Kurosaki, a newspaper correspondent writes about his visit to the village of Togasha.] Although the women appeared to be afraid of us when we first arrived, they soon lost their shyness and were very friendly. When we were warming ourselves by the fire, for example, our hostess came in and played for us on a small, short flute; she played very well. Four young girls also came to us.

14: Tamai--97 [15] J-2 (1896) 1896 Formosan Aborigines
116, 361, 609 Chin-hoan

The people of the eight Sha have no communication with those of other villages; if they do come into contact with them their relations are friendly.

14: Tamai--98 J-2 (1896) 1896 Formosan Aborigines
116, 574, 609 Chin-hoan

As a result of the expedition of Japanese to Maraisha the Tschinwans became very friendly toward the Japanese. From that time on they received the Japanese officials hospitably and always offered them Sake and food.

16: Müller--229 U-3 (no date) 1910 Formosan Aborigines
116, 101, 177, 609 Pepo-hoan

Among the groups listed... [MC: see previous paragraphs in 101 for the author's group division of the aborigines.] the Pepo no longer have the external characteristics of the aborigines; in their manner and customs they have become culturally assimilated by the Chinese to such an extent that today it is hardly possible to distinguish between the two. They live in the eastern and central districts of the island, and a large number of them also inhabit the western plains. They are on friendly terms with the Chinese, although on the whole the two groups do not actually intermingle. This explains the name given to them by the Chinese, Pepo-hoan, that is, natives of the plain. Only a small part of the Pepo, the Saisiett tribe, has retained their original characteristics to this day.

16: Müller--240 U-3 (no date) 1910 Formosan Aborigines
609, 773, 721

In the mythology of the natives, a huge stone under a tree is connected with the origin of headhunting. They say that this stone once split in half and a woman arose from it. The children of this woman had a feud which was arbitrated by an ordeal. He was to be the victor who would kill the greatest number of bears on a bear-hunting expedition. Later, when the Chinese came to this island and their strength and knowledge was compared to that of bears, the Chinese became the objects of the hunt.

19: Guérin and Bernard--551 [4] G-3 (ca. 1866) 1868 Formosan Aborigines
116, 197, 609, 619

The language of the Kalapaï is unlike that of the Tayal, and the two tribes are separated by a water-course; but they cross it whenever they like, for they are on friendly terms with each other, and with the Maraïkoun, a tribe whose language is derived from the Tayal.

19: Guérin and Bernard--552 [2] G-3 (ca. 1866) 1868 Formosan Aborigines
116, 101, 304, 609

There are two rivers which empty into the sea near Taika and at Lokan; they serve as barriers to the powerful Ata-bou tribe, which has its own language. It is feared by the Chinese and by the aborigines in the south. The men of this tribe have their faces tattooed with the same designs that we have already seen, and then they also use horizontal arabesques on it.

19: Guérin and Bernard--553 G-3 (ca. 1866) 1868 Formosan Aborigines
116, 101, 304, 609

Still within the limits of the two water-courses, [VMM: the rivière Noire and the Pakan] we find the aborigines of Sibou-koun and those of Kanagou. Each of these tribes has its own dialect. Tattooing and the hatred of the Chinese are characteristic of them. The territory of these two tribes extends to the eastern slope.

19: Guérin and Bernard--553-554 G-3 (ca. 1866) 1868 Formosan Aborigines
116, 141, 609

The savages are all alike [554] in having an expression of defiance and anxiety, which shows that they are undeveloped mentally. Some of the women are pretty, and they are small.

20: Alvarez--254 (no date) 1927 Formosan Aborigines
116, 101, 609

"The Atayal of the villages Linmongan, Urai, Pesia, and others, situated in the neighbourhood of the capital of the island, apply the nickname Bunbukan to the Chinese. This word probably signifies 'foreigner' 'inhabitant of the plains', in opposition to Atayal or 'mountaineer'. The Tsalisen of Kapiangan, Tukubul, Kananigan, Kulalut, in front of the port of Takao, surely express analogous ideas by giving the name Pairan (5) to the

5. Or Paragas, as the Chinese are termed by the Paiwan.

Chinese."

20: Alvarez--257 [3] (no date) 1927 Formosan Aborigines
116, 609

"In generál, they [MC: the Formosan Aborigines] are timid and reserved in the presence of strangers."

20: Alvarez--257-258
116, 181, 609

(no date) 1927

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Paiwan

"Of a ferocious nature are also the Paiwan, who are exceedingly averse [258]to any kind of trade with their neighbours. The Paiwan are revengeful in the highest degree."

22: Wiedfeldt--7 [3] F-5 (1913) 1914 Formosan Aborigines
116, 173, 186, 609 Atayal

According to their traditions, they are the noblest and oldest kind of people on the island. Their ancestors took refuge on the mountains after a severe typhoon, and from there they slowly returned to the plains. Later, other savages came to the island; then came the Chinese, the whites, and finally the Japanese. They consider all of these people as illegal intruders, but they especially hate the Chinese, with whom they have been longest in contact. The boundaries of their territory consist of mountains thickly wooded with virgin forest. The interior is said to be similar, as far as foreign observers have penetrated. To be sure, that is not very far. No foreigner has as yet set foot on Mt. Sylvia.

22: Wiedfeldt--30-31 F-5 (1913) 1914 Formosan Aborigines-1-2
116, 721, 609, 177.72 Japanese
636.72

. . In the Atayal concept, the members of the tribe are the only ones who should be protected. They are permitted to hunt only savages of other tribes, Japanese, and Chinese, and quite understandably, Europeans, but the number of these is very small. The first group retaliates by conducting their own skull hunts, or by special punitive and plundering forays. The second group is protected by a strong military and police force, which punish such excesses as severely as possible. The third group is victimized comparatively more often but even in this case the Japanese occasionally take harsh measures against a tribe that has a particularly large amount of skull hunting chalked up against it, and force it to withdraw behind the Aiyu line. Inasmuch as unrestrained head hunting on the part of the members of the tribe has seriously endangered the tribe formerly and now in particular, when this practice endangers its independence and its very existence, head hunting is only permitted in the border tribes and supposedly in most of the tribes of the interior when it is ordered by the tribal chief. In many of the tribes of the interior the clan chief also has this privilege. In many tribes, it takes place only in the fall, after the tribal assembly, so that apparently all legal contests are postponed until that time. Everywhere a young man who wants to acquire the skull which will show that he has come of age must control himself until a skull hunt has been declared open for his clan. This regulation does not make the skull hunt any the less dangerous for strangers who approach the territory of the tribe, for they never know whether or not a skull hunt

has been ordered for precisely that time. At any rate, the time before the millet harvest is the safest, and the time after it is the most dangerous. This unpleasant custom is the only thing that gives the slightest justification to the application of the otherwise unjustified designation of savages to the Atayals. It makes no difference whether a skull is that of a man, woman, or child, provided only that the child is over two years old, for the skulls are not captured in battle, but are taken by tricking and surprising the victim. [31] According to the statistics, which are surely incomplete, about 300 Chinese and 40 Japanese are killed annually in the skull hunts. Some 300 Chinese and 20 Japanese are wounded. There is no clue to the number of savages who are captured, but it must be almost as large as the number of Chinese, in the border districts alone. In spite of all the punitive expeditions and all the efforts on the part of the Japanese border patrol, almost no progress has been made in suppressing this unpleasant custom up to now, because it is closely connected with the legal aspect of the life of the Atayals. The most success seems to have been obtained in cases where the Atayals have been told: "Skulls are skulls. Hunt monkey skulls, or antelope skulls".

22: Wiedfeldt--32 [3] F-5 (1913) 1914 Formosan Aborigines
116, 619, 609, 648, 721 Atayal

Just as the struggles with the Japanese have had the effect of producing greater solidarity within the tribes, so in recent years, under the same sort of pressure, there have arisen temporary alliances of several tribes, but never of a majority of tribes, for the purpose of a joint military expedition. In spite of the enthusiastic support given these joint expeditions by many of the tribal chiefs, the Atayals have no confidence in these products of extreme necessity. My question as to whether tribes of different savage peoples had ever united for the purpose of a joint military venture, aroused only laughter and amazed headshakings among the Atayals present.

22: Wiedfeldt--39 F-5 (1913) 1914 Formosan Aborigines
619, 609 Atayal

The Atayals and the Amis, who bound them on the south, hate each other mutually, and have nothing but hostile dealings with each other.

22: Wiedfeldt--41 F-5 (1913) 1914 Formosan Aborigines
116, 609, 681, 721 Atayal

Their penal law is based on the principle that every infraction of a legal usage must be punished. Conscious striving after justice is foreign to the Atayals, as far as I can determine. They want to restore conditions which have been upset by the offense to their proper place by means of expiation. They recognize infractions of the law only within the tribe. Adultery with a woman who does not belong to the tribe does not trouble any member of the tribe. To kill a man who belongs to another tribe or even to another people, confers prestige as a head-hunter. I myself have heard an Atayal boast in the presence of the Japanese police commissioner, who had been in office for 13 years in the border territory, that he had stolen a pig from a Chinese the night before. Neither do they consider it objectionable to pick bananas from a neighbor's field as they pass by.

25: Plaut--33-34 U-4 (no date) 1903 Formosan Aborigines
116, 436, 609, 656, 177.65 China
636.65

The stations of the Training and Development Bureau [EJ: established by the Chinese in 1884 to facilitate the acculturation of the Formosan natives] did not have a conspicuous success. Part of the blame may be laid on the changeable and distrusting nature of the savages, but the greed of the Chinese settlers and officials was the principal cause of the failure. For example, the natives were accustomed to bring their products into the settlements and to exchange them for wares which they [34] used for farming or for decoration. But the Chinese, who were only thinking about the momentary profit and not about the consequences, also sold them weapons. Finally the Government forbade any unrestricted trade with the savages, and it set up a market in each bureau, and said that it was the only place where barter should be permitted. However, the officials, who were entrusted to superintend this, were not reliable. They used their position for personal profit, and they permitted the natives to be cheated. It is not surprising, therefore, that this aroused the old ire among the savages, and that they used every opportunity to gain revenge by beheading some of the Chinese.

26: Honda--470-471 N-3 (1896) 1897 Formosan Aborigines
116, 162, 576, 609 Bunun

On the third day [EJ: of the journey toward Mt. Morrison] we came upon the first settlement of the aborigines. The village comprised thirteen huts, inhabited by about 150 persons. It was called Namaka-ban. Shortly before we reached this village I had sent our armed soldiers back [471] with the thought that they would do more harm than good. My interpreter, a Chinese who had had frequent contact with the aborigines and had delivered salt to them, was very emphatic in his statement that the arrival of armed men would immediately start hostilities. As we approached the village, we saw the chief with about 30 of his men armed with rifles, spears, and bows and arrows; they had taken up their positions on a hill. Bur before we ourselves reached the village, I sent my interpreter to inform the inhabitants of our peaceful intentions. I went to meet the natives without any visible weapons and only with a gun in my pocket; whereupon the chief knelt down and folded his hands over his head as a greeting. I followed him into the village where I presented him with various gifts.

26: Honda--471 [6] N-3 (1896) 1897 Formosan Aborigines
116, 162, 491, 609 Bunun

The next day we marched for five hours through grassland at an altitude of about 2700 meters to the village of Ho-Sha, which has a population of about 300 persons. On the way we passed a hanging bridge of Calamus Rotang which spans the Tinalankei River in a spot where it is about 30 meters wide. In the village of Ho-Sha we were received as on the previous day and once more I had to spend the night in the community building surrounded by smells.

It is because of the camphor industry that the Japanese seek to penetrate to the mountain regions inhabited by the aborigines and thus constantly furnish the latter with new motives for revenge. Honda (1) states that in 1896 the aborgines held the belief that

1. Honda, Dr. S. : "Eine Besteigung des Mount Morrison auf der Insel Formosa." Mitteilungen der deutschen Gesellschaft für Natur- und Völkerkunde Ostasiens, Tokio, 1897.

the Japanese were their brothers who had become separated from them by the evil Chinese; this view has also been confirmed by ethnography, since the Malayan origin of the Japanese now seems fairly certain. The activities of the Japanese once they came into possession of the island, however, must have convinced the aborigines that their former brothers had changed a great deal. The belief mentioned by Honda may have originated among the Tsou aborigines on the Arisan River, a tribe which is far more good-natured than the rest.

31: Hofmann--621 N-3 (1909) 1912 Formosan Aborigines
116, 178, 609, 721 Tsou

It is strange that, although the Tsou tribe supposedly has given up headhunting long ago, the natives preserve large numbers of human heads in nets; in Tappan I saw about 140 of these. Judging from their age and condition I would say that this tribe practiced headhunting until quite recently; I believe they have ceased to engage in this sport only from motives of self-preservation and from fear of the Chinese and Japanese. The respect with which they treat these trophies of war indicates that, if a war breaks out again, this old custom will be revived. The Tsou are the enemies of the neighboring tribe, the Hosha (cf. Fig. 6) these are a more savage people and I was not able for that reason to observe their villages as much as those of the Tsou. The presence of the Chinese and Japanese, and the guards posted along the boundaries of the latter, prevents warfare between these two tribes. I learned that the reason for the feud is that both claim the same hunting grounds.

31: Hofmann--622 [2] N-3 (1909) 1912 Formosan Aborigines
116, 181, 609 Tsou

On the whole the aborigines are good-natured, sociable, and gay. When they are together indoors they talk a great deal and they love to sing and to make noise. When they are outside, however, they are shy and their behavior toward strangers, even toward Malayans of another tribe, is modest and reserved.

31: Hofmann--623 [3] N-3 (1909) 1912 Formosan Aborigines
116, 291, 609, 301, 592, 837 Tsou

Members of the Tsou tribe are monogamous; adultery on the part of the woman does not occur at all. The women are very shy; they do not look strangers in the face, and they go about with their eyes downcast. Some of them wear garments made of cloth from China, others weave their own garments on primitive looms. I saw few women who were wearing ornaments; the men here are far more vain than the women.

31: Hofmann--625-626 N-3 (1909) 1912 Formosan Aborigines
116, 181, 555, 609 Tsou

On our way back from the Arisan Mountain to Kagi a native, an older man, carried our baggage all the way. This is not the custom ordinarily; most of the natives offer their services only within their own region and return home as soon as they see the first houses of a Chinese settlement. In this case, however, the man wanted to call for his son, a good-for-nothing who had left the leisure of his native village in order to obtain work in Kagi. In another case, a young man had made friends with the Japanese and joined the police force. His work was very satisfactory; [626] he learned to read and write Japanese. After two years, however, he let himself be persuaded by the other members of his tribe to leave the police force and was chosen as a local chief. Thus, although relations between the Japanese and the Tsou natives are fairly good, there is a tendency among the latter to live apart and to retain their freedom. It is only natural that the Japanese scheme for exploiting the island, including the forests sacred to the natives as well as game, is not favored by the natives. While on the surface the Tsou natives now seem by no means hostile to the Japanese, it is not certain that these peaceful conditions will prevail in the future; it is possible that the Tsou natives may ally themselves with the other Malayan tribes against the foreign conquerors. It must be emphasized, however, that these are not bloodthirsty savages; rather they have the mentality of children and are easily swayed by an impulse of the moment. Their gay, happy mood may change in a moment to fear and distrust; then they cry like children. These sudden changes in temperament are frightening to a stranger.

34: Del Re--16 U-4 (no date) No Date Formosan Aborigines
116, 181, 609, 674, 829 Yami

"According to the reports published by scientific expeditions, the Yami live in a kind of idyllic natural state which might, indeed, have served as model for some of the 'naturist' utopias beloved of XVIIIth century philosophers, the essential features of which may be seen practised on Botel-Tobago. To give one instance. As far back as the oldest inhabitant is able to recollect, or at least since forty years ago when the Japanese first stationed a couple of policemen on the island, there has been no record of a single case of theft or violence among the natives. The wholesale execution of the crew of an American vessel wrecked there a few years previously of whom only two managed to escape, can hardly be considered as an exception since it appears to have been due to ritual reasons. Apart from the naturally peaceful temper of the Yami, the absence of crime is attributable less to the fact that these and other misdemeanours such as adultery are considered as crimes in themselves or as immoral actions, than to the fact that the tribe looks upon them as undesirable."

35: Collingwood--136 [2] D-2 (1866) 1867 Formosan Aborigines
116, 342, 361, 609 Sek-hoan

"The following morning we landed on the southern side of the bay, where we were to find the native village, of which no trace however was visible from the ship. We were met upon the beach by a number of men and women, who were in no respect, either of dress or feature, similar to the Chinese, and along with them, after the first expressions of surprise and curiosity, we entered the village. This is rudely walled, the entrance being through doors at either side, by which we passed into an assemblage of huts constructed chiefly of grass and bamboos. The grass is woven into a kind of trellis or mat, which is placed against the sides, while the chief part of the walls is constructed of upright sticks, the interstices being imperfectly plastered with mud to keep out the weather. The door is of bamboo, and fixed upon a rude hinge, the lower part revolving sometimes upon the bottom of an earthern cup, to give freedom of motion. The roof is a thick thatch of grass and herbs (in which a species of Turk's-cap lily is largely used), and is supported by bamboos irregularly disposed among it. At one end is often an overhanging shed, containing a supply of firewood, of which there is everywhere abundance."

"The costume of these people was somewhat slight. The men were attired similarly to Chinese coolies, that is, usually in a simple pair of short drawers, to which in some cases a blouse was added. The dress of the women consisted of a sarong (1) or petticoat,

1. Meaning literally a sheath or scabbard, but here that part of the dress of both sexes which covers the lower portion of the person, and is in the form of a sack open at both ends. —Editor.

folded round the loins and meeting in front, where it overlapped, but was not fastened. This petticoat did not reach so far as the knees, and the feet and legs were bare. A sort of loose jacket, open in front, completed their attire, though some of the matrons did not make use of this addition. The young children of both sexes were entirely naked. This, however, appears to be a costume not always considered necessary, and those who landed at the village early on the second morning report that the population was more scantily clad, the men being entirely naked, and the women wearing only a flap round the loins. Seeing, however, the strangers arrive, they retired with deliberation to their huts, closed the doors, and reappeared in the costume above described. The women possessed necklaces of beads, which they wore round their necks, and some of them had stone bangles round their arms; their ears were pierced in three or four places from the lobe upwards, though none of them seemed to have ornaments in them, except buttons,

often of the commonest kind. Most of the young children had objects round their necks, such as coins, beads, or buttons."

35: Collingwood--139 D-2 (1866) 1867 Formosan Aborigines-1-2
116, 123, 157, 609 Sek-hoan

"We unpacked our basket of provisions in the middle of the village, and were soon surrounded by the entire population, who pressed curiously about us, but withal civilly; and seemed to think our eatables not bad, particularly the loaf sugar, which young and old appeared to appreciate. Captain Bullock had brought with him some old numbers of the Illustrated London News, which he distributed among them; but I remarked that though all seemed anxious to get a leaf, they did not look at the woodcuts, but immediately folded it up and put it in some part of their dress—nor could I interest them by pointing out to them the most striking illustrations, which they did not appear to comprehend. They did not, however, show any lack of interest and curiosity in most things, and the men particularly most inquisitively examined every part of our dress, feeling its texture, looking into our pockets, and shewing by signs that they wished to see the interior of any box or bag we happened to carry. Nor were they content with looking once, but the same objects must be inspected again and again. The women more particularly exhibited a great anxiety to obtain as presents anything we could give them, particularly anything ornamental. The naval buttons were a great temptation, and over and over again they pointed to them, and intimated their desire to be the fortunate possessors of them. When denied, they would point to a young child and ask it for him, as though we could not refuse it. Darwin, I may observe, makes the same remark when speaking of the Fuegians. If the button was given under these circumstances, it was immediately fastened on a string and tied round the child's forehead. But so importunate were they, that I might have

completely stripped myself and found candidates for every article I possessed. Notwithstanding this, however, and that they repeatedly put their hands into our pockets, not a single article was lost, and no attempt was made to steal, but upon its being re-demanded they never offered to retain any object whatever. After our meal was over, the empty bottles were eagerly sought after, and we soon learned that no more acceptable present than a bottle could be made to them. This, which they called brasco, and tobacco, (1)

1. Both words, no doubt, from the Spanish or Portuguese, frasco and tobaco. —Editor.

were the only two things which they specially applied for."

37: Steere--311 [1] S-3 (1873-74?) 1875 Formosan Aborigines
116, 482, 771, 609, 787, 825 Chin-hoan

"They carry burdens upon a high wooden frame that is strapped to the back, instead of by the universal Chinese method of a pole across the shoulder. I could find but little traces of religion, but plenty of superstitions. I was one day astonished by the band with which I was traveling suddenly all dropping to the ground and beginning to groan as if they expected to die. Inquiring the cause of this, I found that a certain bird, to which ominous powers are attributed, had cried out on the left side of the path we were traveling, and this was considered a bad omen for us. After a few minutes the party got up and moved on, though all were still groaning and beating their gunstocks with their knives; and they did not regain their composure until the same bird was heard to call out on the right side of the path, when they moved on as usual. They seem to have little or no connection with the other savages, but to live in mortal fear of them. If they ever were in the habit of taking the heads of their enemies, it must have been long ago, as the proofs have disappeared."

37: Steere--314 S-3 (1873-74?) 1875 Formosan Aborigines-1-2
116, 583, 241, 533, 784, 609 Chin-hoan

"The Kale-whan, in times of scarcity, frequently sell their daughters to the Chinese and Pepo-whans, who take them as supplementary wives and make them useful as interpreters in thus bartering with the savages. While we were among the Kale-whan the chief offered to sell us three girls of the tribe at twenty dollars each, or its equivalent, in barter on fee simple. The poor girls were dressed up in all the finery the tribe possessed, one of them having a beautiful stem of wild red lilies in her hair, and were kept singing nearly all night before our door. They are a very musical people, and at night a large number collected in the house of the chief and the women would sing a monotonous but musical chant apparently as long as they could hold their breath, and then the men would answer in the same strain, winding up every time with a loud inspiration. We went among them during their seed time, and there seemed to be some taboo connected with it that forbade them entering their houses, and we found them all sitting around outside with closed doors, or at least with the slabs of slate that served for doors in their places. About midnight the taboo passed off enough so that they entered their houses, but there was still something that forbade them trading with us or assisting us, they even refusing at first to give us fire. Whenever one of the tribe, led by the display of cloth, scissors, etc., that we had with us, was tempted to trade us a pipe or an ornamented knife-scabbard, some one would pronounce the fatal word parici, and the trade was immediately dropped. There were

some rare plants and land shells in the ravines which I wished to collect, but the savages seemed to think that it would bring some great evil upon them if they allowed me to take away any thing, and they almost compelled me by force to desist, pulling me by the arms and shouting parici in my ears. We were told that this taboo would pass off within four or five days, but we had no time to wait and so did not see them in their usual state."

39: Wiedfeldt--25 F-3 (1913) 1917 Formosan Aborigines
116, 157, 186, 609 Atayal

I have not been able to determine the basic reasons for their reserve. Perhaps it is rooted in excessive pride of race, not to say, haughtiness of race, as some of the Japanese maintain... It is also partly due to a certain shyness. In the presence of people who belong to other races, the Atayals drop their voices to a whisper, and display a prudent reserve in spite of the curiosity of the others. The sources of this attitude, however, continue to be a mystery; the only thing that is clear is their attitude of reserve.

40: Kirk--11 S-2 (no date) 1941 Formosan Aborigines
116, 177, 609, 721

"It is only natural, say the Japanese, that the savages have developed an intense hatred for all foreigners and look upon Japanese, as well as Chinese, as deadly foes. So many Japanese, in the decade following 1895, lost their lives in a vain effort to subjugate the savages that some officials looked upon the campaign as hopeless and were in favor of giving the savages up as untamable wild men. Others held to the opinion that the aborigines would become civilized if they could be exposed to Japanese culture."